The Masses and the Classes Use and Praise Pe-ru-na.

E. Birch, Fruit Grower, Afton, Va.,

writes:
"My wife was very much fun down and out of sorts every way. She had female weakness and was very weak, nervous, and had no appoint.
"We had our family detor to give her medicine, but she did tot improve in the least. She has consumption in ner family, and she was in such bad shape and so run down that I begun to get very uneasy, but your medicine has made an entirely new yoman of her."—
W. F. Birch.

W. E. Birch.

An Ex-Consuls Letter.

Hon. James Morgal, 1735 Twentieth Bireet, Washington, P. C., is ex-Eleutenant U. S. Navy, and ex-Consul to Australia. In a recent letter from Washington, D. C., this profinent gentleman endorses Peruna in the following words: "The use of your Peruna as a remedy or a cure for calarrh by many of my friends who havy been benefited by the same, as well ay my own experience as to its efficacy aid good tonic properties to its efficacy aid good tonic properties, causes me to #commend Peruna to all persons."—James Morgan.

An ild Man's Letter.

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Mr. Isaac Brock, of McLennar, county, Tex., has ablined the great age of 111 years. He seaks as follows of Peruna; "As for Dr Hartman's remedy, Peruna; I have fourlit to be the best, if not the only, reliable remedy for catarrhal affections, if has been my stand-by for many yers, and I attribute my good health aft extreme age to this remedy."

—Mr. Isaac Brock. Isac Brock.

U. S. Senator's Letter,
Hon./W. V. Sullivan, United States
Senate from Mississippi, in a letter recentifywritten to Dr. Hartman, says the
folloding of Peruna as a catarrh renedy:/For some time I have been a suffere from catarrh in its most incipient
stag, so much so that I became alarmed
as lo my general health. But hearing,
of /eruna as a good remedy. I gave it a
fai trial and soon began to improve,
tree ffects were distinctly beneficial,
removing the annoying symptoms, and
was particularly good as a tonic."—Ifon.
V. V. Sullivan.

S. H. Renfro, of Norborne, Mo., d running ears. He says:

My head gathered and broke and my
rs ran terribly. I tried several remes with no relief. At last I got a bottle

es with no relief. At last I got a bottle Peruna, and it did me so much good it I kept on using it; am on the fourth tie, and must say it has removed all bad symptoms. My head does not n any more, my ears have stopped ning, and I feel a great deal better," lev. S. H. Renfro.

Judge S. H. Mangum, of Helena, Ark., says the following in regard to Peruna as a catarrh cure and general tonic: take pleasure in recommending left catarth remedy. I have used it for a very short time and find I am very much improved. It is also a good tonic rd should be used by every one whose ystem needs building up."-S. H. Man-

A Physician's Letter.
Liewellyn Jordan, Medical Exam'U. S. Treasury Department, gradof Columbia College, and who
three years at West Point, has
illowing to say of Peruna;
ow me to express my gratitude to
or the benefit derived from your
rful remedy. One short month
ought forth a vast charge, and I
onsider myself a well man after
s of suffering. Fellow sufferers,
a will cure you."—Dr Llewellyn
between the control of the columns of the columns.



A Governor's Letter.

Hon. G. W. Alkinson, Governor of West Virginia, in a recent letter from Charleston, W. Va., says:
"I can recommend your preparation, Peruna, as a tonic. Its reputation as a cure for catarrh is excellent, it having been used by a number of people known to me with the very best results."—Hon. G. W. Alkinson. G W. Atkinson.

A Father's Letter.

for advice for our little girl. She was in a very bad condition then. We gave her two bottles of Peruna and a half bottle of Manalin, and she is well now, which we feel very thankful for."

runa, which gave me complete relief."— Louis J. Behan.

Louis J. Behan.
A Society Lady's Letter.
Miss Olive Carland, 181 51st Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y., writes:
"Last whiter, coming home from a ball,
I was suddenly chilled, and caught a

Carland.

A Mayor's Letter.

Hon, B. J. Irvin, Mayor of Washington, Ga., endorses Peruna in the following statement:

"I have frequently used Peruna in my family, and have found it an excellent remedy for colds and as a tonle. I often recommend it to my friends."—Hon. B. J. Irvin.

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A Chief Justice's Letter,
Chief Justice Chambers, of Washington, D. G., writes as follows:
"I have tried one bottle of Peruna and I can truthfully say it is one of the best tonics I ever used, and I take pleasure in recommending it to all sufferers who are in need of a good medicine. I can recommend it as one of the very best remedies for catarrh."—W. L. Chambers.

from Benton, Ind.:
"I do not know just how Peruna is

A Traveler's Letter.

J. Edward Clark, 402 Temple Street,
Los Angeles, Cal., writes:
"I fully believe Peruna saved my lite.
About two years ago, after returning
from Alaska, I was taken with catarri
of the stomach, and, in fact, of the whole
system. My stomach failed me, as nothiver Late second to do me any good, but

J. Edward Clark.

take care of my baby, and feel so good. There are three or four of my neighbors using Peruna now, since it did me so much good. They were just run down, and they think it is fine. It is so good to give strength."—Mrs. W. Mc-Roberts.

A Fireman's Letter,
Mr. John Sweeting, Captain Fire Department of Evanston, Ill., says:
"Some time, ago we had such continual hard service that I, as well as my men, was completely exhausted and felt my nerves give away. One of our men had tried Peruna a couple of years ago and he advised us to try it. We did so and found the change simply marvelous. A dose seemed better than a meal, and in ten days we were all feeling fine."—John Sweeting.

W. H. Santelmann, leader of the U. S. Marine Corps Band of Washington, D. C., writes:
"It take pleasure in testifying to the

he children of that community have an

rs, who, by putting the children into

grades, have more time to give to each class and thus do far better work. The school term has also been increased from six to nearly seven months. This is a community that never had a really efficient school before.

Look on This Picture. Then on

The Times-Dispatch also presents a cut of one of the old schoolhouses which the new one has displaced; and it was probably the best of the four. These two pictures present a striking illustration of what the consolidation of schools is doing for the educational system of Virginia And, yet this commendable and, yet this commendable and

BENEFITS FROM CONSOLIDATION OF RURAL SCHOOLS.

counties of Virginia towards the conof the small and inefficient schools into larger and better ones. This is especially true of the counties of Ac-comac and Rockingham. The former of

Consolidation Movement.

Those who attended the conference of County and City Superintendents held in this city a little more than one year ago will recall the interesting and stirring addresses on this subject by Superintendent Joynes, of Accomack and Superintendent Joynes, o erintendent Hulvey, of Rockingham.

good Lard, De. pound, or three

at 60c per pound.

Virginia, though it was begun many ment the number of schools has been de-creased in many of the counties and the school term considerably lengthened.

In the early days of the public school system the slogan of the advocates of popular education was: "A school on every hill-top and in every valley and hamlet." This led to the urdue multiplication of shall schools the hardward.

Down in Accomac.

Undue Multiplication.

have better schools for the children of the Commonwealth. The good work has begun, and is going bravely on.

Mr. G. G. Joyres, who had spent all the years of his manhood in teaching in the public schools of Accomac, was ap-



East view of the Consolidated Rural School at Mearsville, Accomac County, Va., completed November, 1903.

pointed superintendent of schools for that pointed superintendent of schools for that county in 1991. He at once set himself to work to improve the schools of the county in many ways, but especially by a wise policy of consolidation. In this way many of the little schools have been merged into larger and more efficient ones. The result is that in every district the text of the county is the county of the county in the c ones. The result is that in every district of the county there are now a large num-

tarrh."—I. S. Smithmeyer, A Housewife's Letter

ber of graded schools, and in two of them

bayside region of the county in a com-munity of oystermen and small farmers. These schools were from one and a half to two and a quarter miles from each

One of the schools consolidated with the Mearsville Grammar

School, in Accomac County.

excellent high schools.

Two years ago there were four little inefficient schools in the neighborhood of
Mearsville, which is situated in the upper

other, and two of them falled to make the required average. After consulting with the members of the district school board. Superintendent Joynes ascertained that; all four of these schools could be consolidated into one large central school, so situated that no child attending the old schools would be deprived of school advantages. dvantages.

Up to Date.

Accordingly an excellent plan for an

up-to-date graded schoolhouse was obtained, and the building was erected last tained; and the building was erected has summer, and equipped with modern school desks and other necessary furniture. This building, a cut of which is herewith presented, is a neat two story structure, with four excellent school rooms, two large and well lighted halls, and hat and cloak closets.

Instead of the four old unsightly and uncomfortable buildings and the four

uncomfortable buildings and the

GETTING READY FOR THE LAUNCHING

The Crowd to See the Virginia

The Crowd to See the Virginia Go Over Will Break the Record.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 26.—
Preparations for the launching of the battleship "Virginia." which will occur at the ship yard on Tuesday, April 5th, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, are rapidly nearing completion. Realizing that unusual interest is manifested in the coming event, the ship yard officials are arranging to accommodate a large crowd. As the General Assembly has made the day a State holiday, it is probable that the works will be closed down, but the gates leading into the ship yard will be thrown open to the public about an hour before the time set for the launching, in order to give everybody an opportunity to see the interesting ceremony. No cards or passes will be necessary to get in the yard.

Fortunately for the public, the Virginia was built on shipways No. 1, around which is considerable open space, that will enable thousands of people to get a good view of the launching.

It is now thought that the crowd which will see the "Virginia" gilde into the water will be even larger than that

which was present at the double launch-ing of the battleships "Kearsarge" and "Kentucky." when it was estimated there were about 30,000 people. FARMERS' MEETING.

Railroad Complains to Mayor on Account Rock Thrown at Train.

| Hiary of St. James Episcopal Church, of | will meet the University of Maryland on the college campus next Monday, the 28th.

Ashland.

Mr. W. H. Ellison and Mr. T. C. Kibler have been selected by the Literary Societies of Randolph-Macon College to represent the college in joint debate with Trinity College. April 18th. Mr. Ellison has been further honored by his fellow-students in being selected to represent this college at the State oratorical contest, which will be held at William and Mary College this year.

An export photographer has been most

Mary College this year.

An expert photographer has been most of this week here preparing views of Randolph-Macon College for the special display of the Randolph-Macon College system in the Virginia building at the St. Louis Exposition, for which Dr. Smith has already made elaborate arrangements. The authorities of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company have made serious complaint to the Mayor of Ashland in regard to the throwing of stones at the windows of the Florida Special, which passes here about 10 P. M.

Miss Ollia Barkinson of Rev.

Ida Special which parkinson, of Taylorsville, has been visiting Mrs. W. G. Pollard. Mrs. Cardoza will soon occupy the house owned by Dr. Howard M. Smith, or Rullroad Avenue.

owned by Dr. Howard at smith, will Railroad Avenue.

Mr. Horace Buchanan and family will move into their new home on Monday next.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler, of New York, are among the recent arrivals at the Henry Clay Inn.

Mr. W. D. Cardwell has been elected president of the Hanover Plank, to succeed Mr. Walter Sydnor.

The Faster german will be given at the Henry Clay Inn Tuesday, April 6th.

The Randolph-Macon base-ball club sake.

ROWAN REPUBLICANS.

Blackburn Adherents Bolt and Price Gets Electoral Votes.

Price Gets Electoral Votes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SALISBURY, N. C., March 26.—In the Rowan county Republican convention held to-day every Blackburn adherent bolted, leaving the courthouse in a body. A. H. Price, of this city, congressional candidate, received a majority of the electoral votes, and Rowan will stand solidly by him. The unit rule was adopted by a vote of the convention.

The Democratic Executive Committee met here to-day and ordered the holding of primaries on May 28th and the county convention for June 4th.

The sausage factory of M. L. Jackson, of this city, was destroyed by fire last night, with a loss of \$3,000.

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-AUNCHING BATTLESHIP "VIRGINIA"
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., APRIL 5TH.
SPECIAL EXCURSIONS VIA C. & O.
RAILWAY, \$1.50 ROUND TRIP.
For the launching of the Virginia at
Newport News, the Chesapeake and Ohio
will have special excursion trains to
leave Richmond \$15 A. M., 8:30 A. M.,
9:15 A. M. and 9:45 A. M. Returnings,
leave Newport News 4 P. M., 4:30 P. M.,
5 P. M. and 6:30 P. M., the 6:30 P. M.
train starting from Old Point at 6 P. M.
Rate \$1.50 round trip.
Launching 1 P. M.
Do not miss this opportunity to witness the launching of Virginia's name-

ness the launching of Virginia's name-

they had done. The able and far reach-ing decision of Judge Blackstone on the subject set forever at rest the question of the authority of school trustees to consol-

the authority of school trustees to consoldate small schools into larger ones whenever in their judgment such consoldation is necessary or expedient.

No one can look upon the two pictures that illustrate this article without being convinced that the consolidation of schools is the most important and imperative work that can be done to improve educational conditions in the rural districts of the Commonwealth.

INSTANTLY KILLED WIFE; SHOT HIMSELF TO DEATH

(By Associated Press.)

(By Associated Press.)
WORTH, GA., March 26.—Shell Erwin, an ex-convict, shot and instantly killed his wife here to-day. With the same weapon he shot and killed himself a few minutes later. Since his pardon a short time ago Erwin has been working at a large saw mill here. The cause of the tragedy is not known.

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